



# Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center

Summer  
Programs  
2010

## Adult Enrichment Series

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### Selecting Wetland Mitigation Sites

This training will provide state guidance on how to apply a watershed approach when selecting wetland mitigation sites and in choosing between on-site and off-site mitigation in western Washington. The class will help you improve mitigation success and better address the ecological priorities of Washington's watersheds. Pre-registration required: [www.coastaltraining-wa.org](http://www.coastaltraining-wa.org). \$75, includes class, binder and lunch.

**When:** Thursday, June 10, 9:00am - 4:00pm

**Where:** Douglas Fir Community Room

**Cost:** \$75



### Aquatic Weed Program

Want to learn how to identify aquatic plants? Become a Lake Weed Watcher volunteer or join us to learn how to identify both native and non-native aquatic plants. The goal of the project is to watch for populations of invasive aquatic weeds. Detecting these weeds early will allow us to stop them before they get too entrenched to remove. To register or for inquiries, please contact Katie Messick at [Katie.messick@kingcounty.gov](mailto:Katie.messick@kingcounty.gov) or call 206-263-6461.

**When:** Saturday, June 26, 10:00am - 1:00pm

**Where:** Douglas Fir Community Room

**Cost:** Free

### Art in Nature Exhibits

The ability to interpret nature through art is an extraordinary talent. These exhibits will display local artists' work inspired by the natural world. New artwork will be featured throughout the year. Come and be inspired.

**When:** Daily, 10:00am - 4:00pm

**Where:** Visitor Center

**Cost:** Free

## Family Discovery Series

### Father's Day Canoe

Canoe Mercer Slough with your dad! Treat your dad to a special Father's Day exploring the beautiful Mercer Slough Nature Park by water. Bellevue Park Rangers lead this 3-hour canoe trip from Enatai Beach Park. Children must be 5 years and older to participate. 1 adult must be present for every 2 children. Limit 3 people per canoe (550 lbs). Pre-registration is required.

**When:** Sunday, June 20, 8:45am - 12:00pm

**Course #:** 48257

**Where:** Enatai Beach Park, 3519 108th Ave SE

**Cost:** \$12(R), \$14(NR)



### Mom and Me at Mercer Slough

Become a naturalist with your child. Learn how to observe and explore the small wonders of the Mercer Slough and practice together. All children must be registered with an adult. Pre-registration required. Best for ages 3-5.

**When:** Monday, July 26, 10:00 - 11:00am

**Course #:** 48252

**Where:** Douglas Fir Community Room and trails

**Cost:** \$5



### Blueberries of Mercer Slough

Go behind the scenes at Mercer Slough's beloved blueberry farm. Explore the farm, learn how it came to be and how we grow such tasty berries today. Optional U-pick to follow program (for an additional fee). All children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration required.

**When:** Saturday, August 14, 1:00 - 2:00pm

**Course #:** 48793

**Where:** Blueberry Farm, 2380 Bellevue Way SE

**Cost:** \$5

### Canoe the Mercer Slough

Explore the Mercer Slough Nature Park by water. Bellevue Park Rangers lead this 3-hour canoe trip from Enatai Beach Park. Children must be 5 years and older to participate. 1 adult must be present for every 2 children. Limit 3 people per canoe (550 lbs). Pre-registration is required.

**When:** Every Saturday, May - Sept., 8:45am - 12:00pm

**Where:** Enatai Beach Park, 3519 108th Ave SE

**Cost:** \$12 (R) \$14 (NR)

### Mercer Slough Nature Walk

Did you know that Mercer Slough Nature Park is 320 acres? Join us for a free guided tour of the Environmental Education Center. Then, explore the Park with a Ranger. No registration necessary. All ages welcome. Dress for the weather.

**When:** Every Saturday (rain or shine), 2:00 - 3:00pm

**Where:** Visitor Center

**Cost:** Free

### Family Ranger Programs

Join a Park Ranger at 2:30pm in the Visitor Center for a FREE 30-minute program. A portion of the program may be outside. Dress for the weather. No registration necessary.

**Cost:** Free

#### Map & Compass

Free

From backyard to backcountry, navigation is an essential skill. Learn to use a map and compass to better explore your surroundings and challenge your navigation skills!

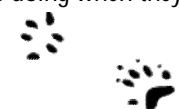
**When:** Sunday, June 6, 2:30 - 3:00pm

#### Animal Tracking

Free

Learn 5 techniques for animal tracking so you can identify who made the tracks, what direction they were going, how fast they were moving, and what they were doing when they made the tracks. Become a Slough sleuth.

**When:** Sunday, July 4, 2:30 - 3:00pm



#### Knots in the Outdoors

Free

Knots have been fundamental to human survival since pre-historic times. They are still used today for practical and recreational purposes, including boating, fishing, climbing, and camping. Try your hand at common and complex knots.

**When:** Sunday, August 1, 2:30 - 3:00pm



### Movies at Mercer Slough

Join us for fun and engaging environmental movies. Bring a comfy blanket or pillow and we'll pop the popcorn. Help reduce waist and bring your own cup or bowl. All children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. No registration necessary.

**Cost:** Free

#### Land Invaders - Amphibians

Free

Amphibians and reptiles ruled the world for nearly 200 million years, and today there are well over 14,000 species. Watch breathtaking footage and amazing action photography that proves the cold-blooded world is as passionate, dramatic and bizarre as any on Earth. Approx. 58 min. Best for age 10+.

**When:** Friday, June 25, 5:00 - 6:30pm

**Where:** Douglas Fir Community Room

#### Life of Birds - Mastery of Flight

Free

For all their grace and agility, birds face serious challenges in getting into the air, staying there, and landing safely. Among their many adaptations, feathers are the single weight-saving feature that only birds possess. Approx. 55 min. Best for age 10+.

**When:** Friday, July 30, 5:00 - 6:30pm

**Where:** Douglas Fir Community Room

#### Insects - Taking to the Air

Free

Open your eyes to the amazing miniature world of insects. Watch as a dragonfly transforms its body from land to air or the spectacular life cycle of a butterfly. Approx. 50 min. Best for age 10+.

**When:** Friday, August 27, 5:00 - 6:30pm

**Where:** Douglas Fir Community Room



To Register

call: (425) 452-6885

online: [MyParksAndRecreation.com](http://MyParksAndRecreation.com)



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